

# Blues bid for Atkins

WYCOMBE Wanderers, worried by their inability to score goals, have made a £600 bid to sign the Chesham striker Stewart Atkins, who seems set to come to Loakes Park next season.

Atkins, 24, has been with Chesham for five years during which time he has scored more than 180 goals. He has already turned down professional contracts with Nottingham Forest and Brentford.

A Chesham spokesman said this week, "Atkins has made it clear he doesn't want to play for us. Wycombe have put in a bid and there's a likelihood it will be accepted."

If he joins Wycombe, Atkins will be fulfilling an ambition to

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play in the Isthmian League Premier Division. Chesham play in Division 1.

### Young Blues

WYCOMBE Wanderers youth team who play in the Berger Paints Isthmian Youth League are still looking for new players, particularly strikers for their squad for next season. Boys under 18 on August 1, 1978 should contact Mr Roberts on H.W. 21666 or Mr Hobbs on Bourne End 21051.

# Blues man out

WYCOMBE Wanderers, who finished third in the Isthmian League Premier Division last season, have dismissed their manager John Reardon. He had held the job for just over a year.

Reardon, a victim of Wanderers' past successes in recent years, took over the job on a part-time basis, mid-way through the 1976-77 season, following the sacking of Ted Powell. He was previously assistant manager.

Reardon was so successful in the closing months of the season — Blues only missed the championship by a whisker — that he was officially appointed to the post.

Criticism of him had grown throughout last season because of his inability to find a player capable of converting Wycombe's overall superiority into goals. The side stumbled through the last few games of the season to finish third — high enough for most teams, but not for Wycombe.

### Chesham

Reardon will always be remembered for the way he took little Chesham United to the F.A. Amateur Cup final in 1968, when the team lost 1-0 to Leytonstone.

On the strength of that, he became assistant to Brian Lee at Loakes Park in 1969, and he has been there ever since.

Inevitably Lee's name comes up again in the speculation about Reardon's successor. But club officials refused to make any comment on Monday about the affair.

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